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TOPIC Military Information from Justerbog

ENCLOSURE

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 17 August 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C

DATE PREPARED 10 September 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

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1. In the afternoon of 13 August 1951, 18 trucks with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the army quarters at Damm airfield near Justerbog (W 42/E 69). The vehicles belonged to a driving school and included [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] group of soldiers received training in firing and reconditioned the obstacle course in the afternoon of 15 August, while a soccer game, attended by about 300 soldiers, was going on.

2. The radio station on Blanker Teich was still in operation from 10 to 16 August. A large radio truck with a [REDACTED] were identified. *

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3. All duties, including rehearsals of the band and clerical work in Camp Werder-Markendorf, were performed at night from 12 to 14 August. The tank units were sawing boards to be used by tanks in rough terrain. Source observed that there was an increase in the amount of maintenance work being done in the parking lots from 6 to 17 August. Source interpreted these activities as preparations for forthcoming maneuvers.

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4. The following observations were made in the camp:
Section 1. Vehicles seen on the parking lot on 6 August included 6 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 x 120-mm mortars, bus [REDACTED], 3 field kitchens, 3 sidecar motorcycles and 14 trucks, including [REDACTED]. As was previously stated, the troops in this camp section came from Justerbog-Altes Lager. Source therefore concluded that the artillery pieces of the troops had remained at Altes Lager because they could be stored there better and could be reached more quickly. Twelve units, each consisting of 1 officer, 3 or 4 NCOs and about 20 EM, were seen receiving physical training and practicing in the field while wearing gas masks on 7 August.

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Section 3. A unit assembling there on 17 August consisted of 5 motorcycles with sidecars mounting machine guns, T-34/85 [REDACTED], 2 motorcycles with sidecars mounting machine guns, 1 amphibious car with antenna, 1 armored vehicle with machine guns, antenna and a 6-man crew. T-34/85 tank [REDACTED] armored vehicle with 2 machine guns, antenna and a 8-man crew, truck [REDACTED] with 16 soldiers

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and armored reconnaissance car [REDACTED]

Sections 11 and 12. Between 6 and 9 August units of up to 120 men repeatedly conducted forced marches while wearing gas masks. Section 15. According to the kitchen bulletin, the troops there numbered 420 men, including officers, on 7 August. The trucks in the two parking lots were referred to as a motor pool. Some of them were lent to other units. The motor vehicle repair shop in the camp section performed major repair work for all units in the camp. The nearby gasoline dump was heavily guarded. **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on Darm airfield indicates no discernible changes. Except for air force series [REDACTED], all vehicle [REDACTED] reported belong to the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The numbered camp sections are keyed to a sketch attached to a previous report. See [REDACTED]. The vehicle [REDACTED] and the information on weapons and vehicles in the individual camp sections, which agree with previous reports by the same source, confirm most of the components of the 6th Gds Tank Div as staying in the camp until 17 August 1951. See [REDACTED]. The information indicates that a divisional motor transport unit has been stationed in camp section 15, in addition to the repair shop previously carried there.

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